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1. A sketch was made of the installations of the Kuestrin-Altstadt railroad station, status of January 1951. The installations are used exclusively for the detraining and entraining of Soviet military personnel. The railroad installations at Kuestrin-Kietz and Kuestrin-Altstadt were formerly of no importance; the major railroad facilities were in Kuestrin-Neustadt, which is now under Polish administration. *
2. It was learned on 16 February 1951 that plans have been made to run passenger trains as far as Kuestrin-Altstadt, which would then become the last railroad station on the German side of the Oder. In connection with this plan the railroad station in Kuestrin-Altstadt is being rebuilt. The project is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 1951. Traffic will probably be resumed when the new summer timetable goes into effect. However, work on the reconstruction of the trackage has not yet been started. ** In connection with this project it is said that it is intended to relay the second track on the Vorflut bridge. It is not known whether the second track is also to be laid on the Oder bridge proper. ***

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* Comment. The Potsdam agreement had the effect that the Kuestrin-Kietz railroad station became a border crossing point, although it was little suited for such a role because of its inadequate trackage. See

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According to other

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reports, the Kuestrin-Altstadt railroad station was not used by Soviet AAA units stationed in the town. These were entrained in Kuestrin-Kietz.

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For transit traffic the Kuestrin-Altstadt railroad station was only a running-through point.

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** Comment. For sketch of the Kuestrin-Altstadt railroad station installations, see Annex. The intended reconstruction of the Kuestrin-Altstadt railroad station was reported previously.

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It is believed that the improvement of the station installations is designed to ease the present strain on Kuestrin-Kietz.

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*** Comment. The Oder River bridges mentioned were reported previously.

1 Annex: 1 sketch on ditto.

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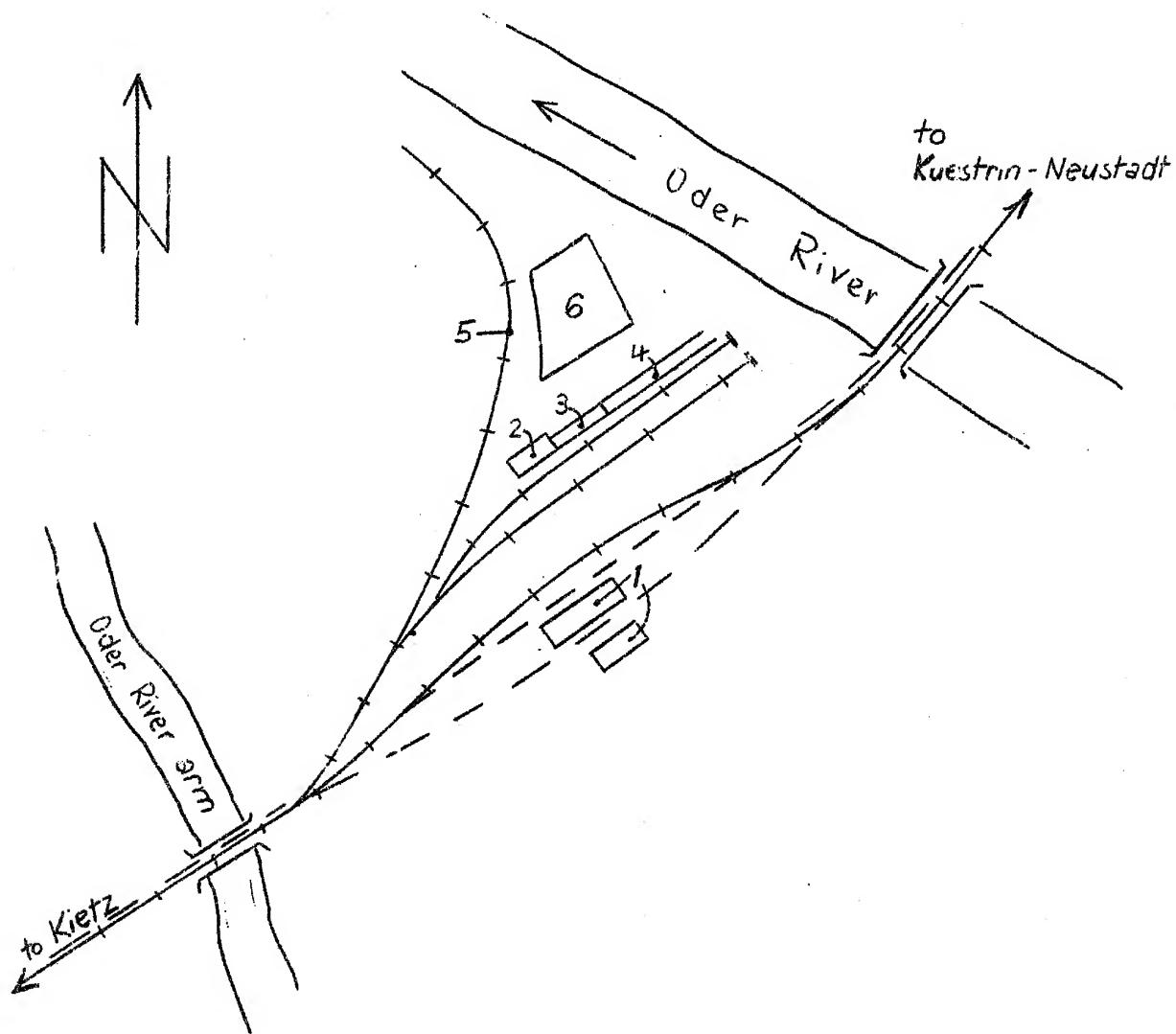
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Trackage of Kuestrin-Altstadt Railroad Station.



Legend:

—, — + — formerly double-track, one track dismantled
— + + — single-track
— — — — dismantled trackage

- 1 Destroyed station building
- 2 Storage shed, destroyed
- 3 Side-loading ramp, 120 meters long
- 4 Road with loading track, 250 meters long
- 5 Spur track to the Oder River for water to rail transloading
- 6 Area of the former slaughter house

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